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Firings urged in wild shooting

Report: Dismiss
2 cops, suspend
3rd in fatal chase

BY JEREMY GORNER
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Two Chicago police officers should be fired for shooting at a moving vehicle without justification during a chase that ended with the killing of an unarmed black teen in 2016, disciplinary officials ruled in a report obtained Friday by the Chicago Tribune.

Officers Michael Coughlin Jr. and Jose Torres endangered the public and the lives of their fellow officers when they shot at 18-year-old Paul O'Neal as he tried to flee police in a stolen Jaguar convertible on a residential street in the South Shore neighborhood, according to the report by the now-defunct Independent Police Review Authority.

The same report concluded that a third officer, Jose Diaz, who ultimately shot and killed O'Neal during an ensuing foot chase, was justified because he reasonably believed in the chaos that O'Neal had a gun and had already fired shots at the police. In fact, the only shots fired came from fellow officers.

It was recommended, however, that Diaz be suspended for six months for kicking O'Neal and yelling "Bitch ass mother-----, f----- shoot at us!" while the teen lay mortally wounded in a backyard.

That same profanity-laced statement, which was captured on a police body camera, convinced investigators that Diaz "genuinely believed" at the time that O'Neal had fired at him, according to the report, obtained by the Tribune through an open records request.

A fourth officer, Mohammad Baker, was also recommended for a weeklong suspension for failing to activate his body camera.

None of the four officers could be reached for comment Friday.

The 62-page report was

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Durbin: Trump used 'hate-filled' language

PRESIDENT DENIES VULGARITY IN 'TOUGH' TALK

World angry,
stunned, sad
over remarks

BY ROBYN DIXON
AND SIOBHAN O'GRADY
Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG — The world reacted with shock, anger and a tinge of humor Friday over President Donald Trump's "shit-hole countries" remarks, with governments, civic and political organizations, and individuals labeling the president's comments irresponsible and racist.

Africans across the continent felt aggrieved by Trump's crude remarks, with some pairing the hashtag #shithole with posted photos of sunsets, elephants grazing on plains and other pretty images. Others were not so lighthearted.

Botswana's government was first on the continent to condemn Trump's statements, referring to them as "highly irresponsible, reprehensible and racist."

During a meeting with members of Congress on Thursday to discuss immigration, Trump reportedly became irate and questioned why the U.S. was allowing people from El Salvador, Haiti and Africa to enter the country.

"What do we want Haitians here for?" Trump asked. "Why do we want all these people from Africa here? Why do we want all these people from shithole countries?"

He then added: "We should have people from places like Norway."

Botswana summoned the U.S. ambassador to express its displeasure over the remarks and to inquire as to whether Botswana was a "shithole country."

"The government of Botswana is wondering why President Trump must use this descriptor and derogatory



ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/CHICAGO TRIBUNE (TOP), JIM WATSON/GETTY-APF (ABOVE)

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., top, said he was "sickened" by comments President Donald Trump made during an Oval Office meeting on immigration reform Thursday.

Illinois senator
describes Oval
Office meeting

BY JOHN BYRNE
AND KATHERINE SKIBA
Chicago Tribune

Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin on Friday ripped President Donald Trump for using "hate-filled, vile and racist" language when talking about immigrants from Haiti and Africa, even as Trump took to Twitter to deny he made the comments.

Durbin was in Chicago for an annual breakfast to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. after taking part in an Oval Office meeting Thursday on immigration reform, during which he said Trump referred to African nations as "shit-holes" and asked why America would want to accept more immigrants from Haiti. Durbin said he's not optimistic in the aftermath of the meeting that congressional Democrats and Republicans will be able to agree on another immigration deal.

Durbin said he was the lone Democrat among about a dozen lawmakers in the meeting with Trump to pitch a tentative compromise on immigration, including the fate of so-called Dreamers who came to the U.S. illegally as young children. He said media accounts of what transpired have been accurate.

"In the course of his comments, (Trump) said things which were hate-filled, vile and racist," Durbin said. "I use those words advisedly. I understand how powerful they are."

"I cannot believe that in the history of the White House and of that Oval Office, any president has ever spoken the words that I personally heard our presi-

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

After Thursday's balmy weather, Khelid Aljader and his mother, Kefaa, brave cold, windy Montrose Beach during a walk Friday. The lakefront high was 24.

Sixth-grader will be allowed to use medical pot in school

Schaumburg school
district, AG's office
come to agreement

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Eleven-year-old Ashley Surin just wants to go to school with her classmates. After suffering seizures due to treatment for leukemia, her parents said, only medical marijuana helped her — but by state law, the drug wasn't allowed at school.

The parents filed suit to

let their daughter receive the drug at school, and on Friday, they suddenly got their wish — officials from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office and Schaumburg School District 54 agreed to let the girl receive her medication while they try to iron out the legalities.

"I'm in pinch-me mode," said the girl's mother, Maureen Surin. "I'm excited. This is not just going to help her, I hope it's going to help other kids down the road."

The agreement applies

only to Ashley, but eventually could have ramifications for students across Illinois, attorneys said. Ultimately, those involved said, the issue probably will have to be addressed by changing state law to allow medical marijuana at schools for children with serious illness.

"We're just glad that the parties involved ... worked in concert to help a child," said the girl's attorney, Steven Glink.

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